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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A) UR, US

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT: ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROTOCOL ARRANGEMENTS

1. EMBOFFS MET JAN 16 AT 1600 LOCAL WITH DEFOSEYEV, USA DIVISION DEPUTY DIRECTOR, TO PASS PASSENGER MANIFEST AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS. FEDOSEYEV SAID THAT SOVIET GENERAL GUIDELINE FOR THIS VISIT WILL BE TO USE SAME ARRANGEMENTS AS FOR LAST VISIT. HE SPECIFICALLY CONFIRMED THAT THE SECRETARY AND THE OFFICIAL PARTY WILL BE HOUSED IN GUEST HOUSES NUMBER FOUR AND FIVE AT LENIN HILLS, AND THAT VNUKOVO 11 WILL BE THE AIRPORT USED. ALL OF THE SUPPORT STAFF, INCLUDING AIRCREW, WILL BE HOUSED IN THE ROSSIYA HOTEL.

2. FEDOSEYEV SAID THAT TENTATIVE PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR GROMYKO TO HOST A LUNCHEON JAN 21 AT THE MFA GUEST HOUSE, AND FOR ATTENDANCE AT A BOLSHOI PERFORMANCE OF THE BALLET GISELLE THE EVENING OF JAN 21.

3. HE RAISED THE QUESTION OF ENTRY INTO THE SOVIET UNION BY TIME CORRESPONDENT TALBOTT, COMMENTING THAT HE "HOPED" EARLIER DIFFICULTIES (MOSCOW/642) HAVE NOW BEEN CLEARED AWAY IN SOVIET BUREAUCRACY AND THAT THERE WILL BE NO PROBLEM.

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4. EMBOFFS RAISED QUESTION OF GIFTS, NOTING THE \$50

LIMIT. FEDOSEYEV REPLIED THAT "SOMETHING SYMBOLIC,
JUST A SOUVENIR," MIGHT BE GIVEN THE SECRETARY.

5. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

(A) WEATHER -- TEMPERATURE IN MOSCOW HAS
CONSISTENTLY BEEN TEN TO FIFTEEN DEGREES BELOW ZERO
IN RECENT WEEKS, AND WARMEST CLOTHING IS REQUIRED.

(B) ELECTRICAL CURRENT -- AT LENIN HILLS GUEST
HOUSE, 127 VOLV 50 CYCLE; AT THE ROSSIYA HOTEL, 220
VOLT 50 CYCLE.

6. ACCOMMODATIONS: SHOULD MEDICAL OFFICER, DR. WATSON,
BE HOUSED WITH THE OFFICIAL PARTY AT LENING HILLS? WE
HAVE REQUESTED MEETINGS ASAP TO MAKE ROOM ASSIGNMENTS
AT LENING HILLS AND ROSSIYA.

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